

The resolution from the Foreign Relations Committee to create a select committee to be known as the Committee on Intelligence Operations and to consist of nine senators, three from the Committee on Appropriations, three from the Committee on Armed Services and three from the Committee on Foreign Relations is unnecessary and should be defeated. ILLEGIB

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res.* → It is provided in the resolution that the duties of the select committee include the review of the budgets and appropriation and legislative oversight of the Central Intelligence Agency, the Defense Intelligence Agency, the Bureau of Intelligence and Research of the Department of State and other agencies of the Government which I assume would include the Atomic Energy Commission and others.

There is absolutely no justification for such a select committee. The Senate Committee on Appropriations in its consideration of the entire Federal Budget is divided into twelve subcommittees. The subcommittee on Defense Appropriation under the Chairmanship of Honorable Richard Russell has a subcommittee on Central Intelligence Agency Appropriations which meets jointly as a matter of convenience with a similar subcommittee from the Committee on Armed Services to examine into the Central Intelligence Agency. The subcommittee on Appropriations for the Department of State under the Chairmanship of Honorable John McClellan examines into budget estimates, appropriations and activities of the Bureau of Intelligence and Research of the Department of State. The Subcommittee on Atomic Energy Appropriations under the Chairmanship of Honorable Lister Hill examines into all budget estimates, appropriations and other matters for the Atomic Energy Commission.

The House Committee on Appropriations has a similar subcommittee arrangement and any differences between the two Houses are compromised in conference between representatives of the two Houses.

There is a regular logical procedure for the ~~review~~ review of the budgets of all of these Agencies and for examination into their activities and it does ^{not} make sense to me to create a Select Committee which would have no authority to amend the several appropriation bills, to increase or decrease the funds concerned, or to provide for restrictions and limitations on their activities.

There is no more justification for the Foreign Relations Committee to directly concern itself into this field than there is for the Senate Appropriation Committee to claim jurisdiction in connection with Treaties ^{or} ~~on~~ Diplomatic and Consular ^{Service} nominations.

It has been claimed that all this resolution does is to add three senators to an already existing group. This is not the case at all. This resolution creates problems with respect to the internal subcommittee ~~in~~ structure of the Committee on Appropriations. The Department of Defense Subcommittee on Appropriations is not responsible for budget estimates and appropriations and oversight of the Bureau of Intelligence and Research of the Department of State. ~~XXX~~ Yet this resolution seeks to transfer such authority to a subcommittee of the Defense Appropriations Subcommittee from an already existing Appropriation Subcommittee and the Defense ^{Appropriations} Subcommittee would not receive the appropriation bill and would be powerless to amend it. It creates a cloud on the jurisdiction of the Subcommittees on State Appropriations, the Subcommittee on Atomic Energy Appropriations and perhaps others.

With respect to the Central Intelligence Agency, the Subcommittee of the Appropriations Committee has met frequently to consider appropriations and budget estimates and to examine into the Agency. These meetings of necessity have been in secret session. The secret procedures and operations of the Central Intelligence Agency are designed wholly for the security of the United States, the saving of men's lives and the obtaining of essential information which will achieve these vital ends. These activities are subject to congressional review by four established and fully authorized subcommittees, two from the Armed Services Committees of the Senate and House, and two from the Appropriations Committee of the Senate and House. These subcommittees have been performing their functions adequately and properly. * If they are not doing their job fully and properly ~~ix~~ it should be brought promptly and emphatically to their attention as a more appropriate and effective means of achieving the end desired than the creation of a new Select Committee for such a purpose.

The Central Intelligence Agency deals with highly classified matters of the greatest importance to national security.

Its activities are unique. The resolution provides for the Select Committee to keep itself "fully" and "currently" informed of the activities of the Central Intelligence Agency. There is no possible way for the Select Committee to keep itself "fully and currently informed" with respect to ~~all~~ the activities of the Central Intelligence Agency except to have a member of its staff sit in as a "watchdog" at all meetings of the National Security Council and after each meeting make a report to the Select Committee of what he has learned.

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The Central Intelligence Agency does not make foreign policy. It functions under the National Security Council. The National Security Council is composed of the President, Vice President, Secretary of Defense, Secretary of State and the Director of the Office of Emergency Planning. The Central Intelligence Agency has no authority to initiate any activity anywhere in the world unless such activity has been ordered by the National Security Council.

I am firmly convinced that Congress now, through its regular committees on Armed Services and on Appropriations has the opportunity to get the necessary information from the Central Intelligence Agency and the designated members of those committees are doing so without in any way endangering the security of the information given them. We must ~~also~~ remember that the Central Intelligence Agency carries on its work outside the United States boundaries. Many of its agents are in constant physical danger. We, as Members of Congress, must do our part to see that the work is carried on wisely, efficiently, and with due security to the persons who are working in the interest of our Government.

The contacts between the Central Intelligence Agency and the Congress should never be allowed to prejudice or compromise the highly secret work of that Agency. What the Congress has needed ~~to know~~ in the past it has ^{received} been told. What the Congress will require ~~to know~~ in the future it can obtain through means already in existence. A new ^{select} ~~committee~~ committee will only complicate the process.

For these reasons I urge that the resolution be defeated.